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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly replace the current claims with the following new claims 87-111, without prejudice.

87. A method for determining whether candidate compound modulates ABC1 biological activity, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an ABC1 polypeptide capable of binding a lipid;
(b) contacting said ABC1 polypeptide with said lipid and said candidate compound; and
(c) measuring binding of said lipid to said ABC1 polypeptide, wherein binding of said lipid to said ABC1 polypeptide indicates that said candidate compound modulates ABC1 biological activity.

88. A method for determining whether candidate compound modulates ABC1 biological activity, said method comprising the steps of: